

# EFC – Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds



**29th session**  
**3-5 September 2013, Montgenèvre, France**

## PROGRAMME

### 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Arrival of the participants.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> September

- 8.00 – 9.00 Registration of the participants.
- 9.00 – 10.00 **Opening of the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the European Forestry Commission Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds**  
**Welcome addresses :**
  - Mr. Guy Hermitte, Mayor of the Community of Montgenèvre,
  - Mr. Joël Giraud, National Assembly Representative of the Hautes Alpes,
  - Mr. Dominique Schuffenecker, Sous-Préfet, representing Mr. Pierre Besnard, Préfet of the Hautes-Alpes,
  - Mr. Patrick Deblonde, Ministry of Agriculture Food and Forests,
  - Mr. Albert Maillet, Director of Environment and Natural Hazards of the National Forest Office,
  - Mr. Dominique Reeb, Deputy chief, UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section, Geneva.
- 10.00 – 10.30 Coffee break - Press conference.
- 10.30 – 11.00 **Report on inter-sessional activities following the 28th Session of the Working Party**  
Thomas Hofer, FAO, Secretary of the Working Party (represented by Dominique Reeb, Deputy chief, UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section, Geneva).
- 11.00 -12.30 **Seminar: Natural disaster risk management in mountain areas (part 1)**
  - “*Prevention of natural hazards in mountain areas*” : Vincent Courtray, Chief of the office on natural hazards, at the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development, and Energy (France),
  - “*Natural hazard management in the upper Valley of Susa, Piémont : practical experience*”, Dr. Alberto Dotta, Director of the Consorzio Forestale Alte Valle Susa (Italy),
  - “*Climate change impact on stream-flow in mountainous regions of Japan*” , Professor Yoshinobu Sato (Japan),
  - “*Mountain forests at risk : dieback, fire and erosion – synergistic interactions*”, Roberto Tognetti, EFI (Italy).
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch at the Hôtel Anova.

- 14.00 – 15.45 **Seminar: Natural disaster risk management in mountain areas (part 2)**
  - “Multi-scale assessment of effectiveness and efficiency of protection works against natural hazards : from structural and functional aspects to economic approaches”, Simon Carladous, Research engineer ONF/RTM (France),
  - “Integrated Natural Risk Management in the French Alps : Story of a territorial policy experimentation”, Vinca Devauchelle & Vincent Boudières, Pôle Alpin des Risques Naturels – PARN (France).
  - “Management of geological hazards in Bavaria”, Dr. Andreas Poschinger, Bavarian Environment Agency, Geological Survey (Germany).
  
- 15.45 – 16.00 Coffee break.
  
- 16.00 – 17.00 **Seminar: Natural disaster risk management in mountain areas (part 3)**
  - “From Pine Beetle to Floods: How Communities in the Rocky Mountains of British Columbia adapt to increased Climatic Variability”, Professor Hans Schreier, University of British Columbia, Vancouver (Canada),
  - “Taking into account the protective function of forests, in natural hazard mapping”, Jérôme Liévois, Geologist, ONF/RTM (France).
  
- 17.30 – 19.30 Visit of the fortified city of Briançon (World Heritage Site – UNESCO).
  
- 20.00 : Supper at the Hotel Anova.

## 4<sup>th</sup> September

- 8.30 – 9.00 **Developments at EU level related to watershed management,**  
Ernst Schulte, Head of Forest Sector, European Commission, Brussels.
  
- 9.00 – 9.30 **Perspective from IUFRO towards watershed and disaster risk management,**  
Dr. Gernot Fiebiger, Fiebiger Consulting.
  
- 9.30 – 10.30 **National reports (part 1)**  
France  
Austria  
Poland
  
- 11.00 – 11.20 Coffee break.
  
- 11.20 – 13.00 **National reports (part 2)**  
Finland  
Czech Republic  
Switzerland
  
- Observer reports**  
“Natural disasters and their impacts on rural livelihoods”. Prof. Hideaki Marui, Niigata University, Japan,  
“~~Watersheds in Four Agro-Ecological Zones in the Mountains of Lesotho: Socio-Economics and Soil Organic Carbon Pools~~”, Professor Olaleye, National university of Lesotho, ~~to be confirmed.~~  
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- ☐ 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break at the Hotel Anova.
  
- ☐ 14.30 – 17.00 **Implementing the new modus operandi and governance of the WP MMW**
  - Summary of the process and results of the recently completed review of the WP MMW
  - Presentation of Working Group 1 “Forests and Water”,
  - Presentation of Working Group 2 “Hazards and Disaster Risk Management in Mountains”,
  - Workshops to discuss WGs
  - WPMMW presence at Metsä2013, 9-13 December, Rovaniemi, Finland,
  - Mobilizing participation of member countries and partners.
  
- ☐ 17.00-17.30 **Operational matters**
  - Communication strategy
  - Date and place of 30th session,
  - Election of the officers of the WP,
  - AOB.
  
- ☐ 17.30 **Closing of the 29th session**
  
- ☐ 20.30 “Dîner de Gala” at the Hotel Anova.

## **5<sup>th</sup> September**

- Field excursion**
- ☐ 8.30 Departure from Hotel.
  
- ☐ 17.00 End of the field trip.
  
- ☐ 18.00 Return to the Hotel. End of the 29th Session.

## **6<sup>th</sup> September**

Departure of the participants.